TITLE

SYNTHESIS OF ALKENOATE ESTERS FROM LACTONES AND ALCOHOLS $\underline{\mathsf{ABSTRACT}}$

The invention relates to the synthesis of alkenoate esters from a

corresponding lactone and an alcohol in the presence of a basic catalyst. More specifically, this invention relates to the synthesis of methyl-4-pentenoate ester from 5-methyl butyrolactone and methanol.